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SUBJECT: LOS: SWEDISH VIEWS ON UPCOMING LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK

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1. SUBSTANCE OF REFTEL (PARAS 2-5) WAS TRANSMITTED BY LETTER OF MARCH 8 TO CHIEF OF OFFICE OF LEGAL AFFAIRS OF MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA) HANS DANIELIUS. THIS WAS FOLLOWED UP WITH MEETING MARCH 10 WITH DEPUTY CHIEF VIDAR HELLNERS AND CHIEF OF SECOND SECTION IAN PAULSSON, WHO WILL ATTEND FULL SESSION.

2. HELLNERS AND PAULSSON SAID THEY SHARE OUT VIEWS THAT IT WAS TIME TO APPROACH LOS NEGOTIATIONS WITH VIEW TOWARD ARRIVING AT BASIC AGREEMENT. THEY SAID SWEDISH VIEWS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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SIMILAR TO THOSE OF USG BUT WISHED POINT OUT SEVERAL

POINTS WITH RESPECT TO THE CURRENT SIMPLE DRAFT TEXT OF
LOS AGREEMENT:

A. COMMITTEE I.

SWEDEN IS PLEASED WITH US COMMITMENT TOWARD
CREATION OF INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY FOR MINING DEEPSEA
RESOURCES. IN THIS REGARD THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE
PROVISIONS FOR GREATER REVENUE SHARING OF MINING
BEYOND THE 200-MILE ECONOMIC ZONE. ON VOTING PRO-
CEDURES FOR INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY, SWEDEN CONTINUES
TO FEEL DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD BE GIVEN A GREATER
VOICE THAN NOW PROPOSED FOR THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY.

B. COMMITTEE II.

HELLNERS SAID SINGLE TEXT COVERING FISHING WAS
NOT ACCEPTABLE TO SWEDEN BECAUSE IT DOES NOT GIVE
ENOUGH ATTENTION TO TRADITIONAL RIGHTS OF FISHING
COUNTRIES (PARA 6 D REFTTEL). SWEDEN, HE THOUGHT,
WOULD PROPOSE CERTAIN AMENDMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO
REFLECT THIS POINT OF VIEW. ALSO, HELLNERS SAID
PROVISIONS RELATING TO AIRCRAFT "OVERFLIGHT" OVER
ECONOMIC ZONE VERSUS TERRITORIAL WATERS NEEDED CLARI-
FICATION. HE DID NOT ELABORATE ON THIS.

C. COMMITTEE III.

ON MARINE POLLUTION HELLNERS SAID THE INTERESTS
OF SWEDEN AND THE US WERE SIMILAR. HE COMMENTED THAT
SWEDEN SHARES OUR POSITION CALLING FOR INTERNATIONAL
POLLUTION STANDARDS AND FOR A STRONG FLAG STATE
OBLIGATION TO ENFORCE INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS OF ALL
TYPES ON ITS VESSELS.

D. DISPUTE SETTLEMENT.

HELLNERS SAID GOS HAS NOT DEVOTED MUCH ATTENTION
TO THIS SUBJECT BUT IN PRINCIPLE HE THOUGHT SWEDEN
WOULD SUPPORT USG POSITION.

E. PASSAGE THROUGH STRAITS.

HELLNERS RAISED THIS SUBJECT AND ASKED FOR USG
VIEWS. EMBASSY OFFICER RESPONDED THAT HE THOUGHT
SWEDEN ALREADY WAS WELL AWARE OF USG VIEWS SINCE
SUBSTANTIAL PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE TOWARD AN ACCEPTABLE
AGREEMENT LANGUAGE. PAULSSON, AS AN ASIDE, SAID GOS
HAS NO REAL PROBLEM WITH TEXT OF AGREEMENT AS NOW
DRAFTED.

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3. MINISTER OF TRADE CARL LIDBOM, WHO IS OFFICIAL
HEAD OF SWEDISH LOS DELEGATION, WILL NOT ATTEND NEW
YORK SESSION. HANS DANIELIUS, VIDAR HELLNERS AND NILS-
RUNE LARSSON OF MFA LEGAL AFFAIRS OFFICE WILL ROTATE AS
HEAD OF SWEDISH DELEGATION DURING LOS THIRD SESSION.
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